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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: SUMMARY REPORT FOR PERIOD

MAY 26- JUNE 1, 1975

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUED TO
MARK TIME THIS WEEK, WITH BOTH EAST AND WEST REPEATING
THEIR STANDARD POSITIONS. IN THE INFORMAL SESSION AND
IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, EASTERN REPS STRESSED THE
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NEED TO INCLUDE NUCLEAR FORCES IN REDUCTIONS AND STATED THAT ISSUES OF PRINCIPLE MUST BE RESOLVED PRIOR TO A DISCUSSION OF DATA. IN BILATERALS, EASTERN REPS AGAIN VOICED READINESS TO DISCUSS DEFINITIONS IN THIS ROUND, BUT INDICATED THAT SUCH A DISCUSSION MUST INCLUDE DEFINITIONS OF ALL FORCES AND ARMAMENTS. THE ALLIES INTEND TO CONTINUE PRESSING THE EAST ON DATA IN THE NEXT INFORMAL MEETINGS. END SUMMARY

2. THIS WAS A QUIET WEEK IN THE VIENNA TALKS; THERE WERE FEW BILATERALS, A RATHER CONVENTIONAL INFORMAL SESSION AND A PLENARY MEETING LIMITED TO A SHORT STANDARD PRESENTATION, BY CANADIAN REP GRANDE, ON THE ALLIED TWO-PHASE APPROACH.

3. THE MAY CANADIAN PLENARY STATEMENT EMPHASIZED THE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE US AND USSR AND ALL THE REMAINING DIRECT PARTICIPANTS. GIVEN THESE DIFFERENCES, AND IN ORDER TO CREATE THE NECESSARY CONFIDENCE THAT WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE NON-US DIRECT PARTICIPANTS TO TAKE PART IN SECOND PHASE REDUCTIONS, GRANDE STATED THAT THE WEST WAS JUSTIFIED IN REQUIRING THAT THE FIRST PHASE AGREEMENT SHOULD PROVIDE FOR REDUCTIONS LIMITED TO US AND SOVIET FORCES, TOGETHER WITH AGREEMENT ON THE COMMON CEILING CONCEPT. CANADIAN REP CONCLUDED THAT THIS PHASED APPROACH WAS THE REALISTIC WAY TO ENSURE THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN REDUCTIONS.

4. ALLIED REPS CONTINUED TO PRESS FOR A DISCUSSION OF DATA AT THE MAY 27 INFORMAL SESSION. SOVIET REP KHLESTOV RESPONDED BY CLAIMING THAT THE WEST WAS DELIBERATELY OVEREMPHASIZING THE DATA ISSUE, AND BY RESTATING EASTERN REASONS FOR REFUSING TO DISCUSS DATA UNTIL AFTER RESOLUTION OF SUCH BASIC ISSUES AS WHOSE FORCES SHOULD BE REDUCED FROM THE OUTSET AND WHAT TYPE OF FORCES SHOULD BE REDUCED. IN THE INFORMAL, AS WELL AS DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH TWO SEPARATE VISITING CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS, KHLESTOV MADE UNYIELDING PRESENTATIONS IN OPPOSING A DATA EXCHANGE AT THIS STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. BESIDES SEEKING TO PRESS THE SOVIET

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REP ON THE IMPORTANCE OF A DATA EXCHANGE, CODEL MEMBERS ALSO STRONGLY EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF ADEQUATE PROVISIONS ON VERIFICATION IN ANY MBFR AGREEMENT.

5. IN THE FEW BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS THIS WEEK, SOVIET DELEGATES REITERATED THEIR OPPOSITION TO A DATA EXCHANGE

PRIOR TO RESOLUTION OF ISSUES OF PRINCIPLE BUT INDICATED EASTERN READINESS TO DISCUSS DEFINITIONS IN THIS ROUND. THESE EASTERN DELEGATES INDICATED THAT SUCH A DISCUSSION SHOULD COVER DEFINITIONS OF ALL FORCES AND ARMAMENTS, INCLUDING NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS, AND NOT JUST GROUND FORCES AS SUGGESTED BY THE WEST.

6. THE EAST STRONGLY ATTACKED THE WESTERN REDUCTION APPROACH FOR EXCLUDING NUCLEAR FORCES. IN THE INFORMAL MEETING, POLISH REP STRULAK VIGOROUSLY CRITICIZED THE WESTERN REDUCTION APPROACH AS PERMITTING AN UNCONTROLLED ARMS RACE IN TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AIRCRAFT, AND GROUND FORCE ARMAMENTS. IN A BILATERAL TALK, THE SOVIET DELEGATIONS MILITARY REP SAID THE WEST COULD NOT EXPECT ANY AGREEMENT AS LONG AS NUCLEAR SYSTEMS WERE EXCLUDED FROM REDUCTIONS. RESOR

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